



THE LAST MILE—The easiest kind of sweating out they've ever done in the Army is the "ordeal" these soldiers are experiencing as they draw their final pay at the separation point here. Observe the soldier on the extreme right, who has either dropped a quarter, is taking a drink, or is merely camera shy. Note also the little diamond sewed over the right breast pocket of the men; there is framed the "ruptured duck," as the emblem has come to be known. McGuire's separation point is discharging an average of fifty men daily for points or age.

Point Values Lowered; More Vets To Go Home

Have you been caught with your points down?

To military personnel sweating out the long voyage home but lacking the requisite number of digits, a telegram from the Military Personnel division in Washington, D. C., should have a happy effect on many soldiers at this installation.

Field Jackets Okay Off Post in Ruling By War Dept.

Remember how tough it used to be on cold, rainy fall evenings to slip a field jacket over your khakis and sneak into town; in fact, it wasn't done, often. The War Department has changed all that.

The WD circular just out permits all soldiers to wear their field jackets outside the limits of posts, camps, and stations. The reason is pretty obvious: so many overseas men are pouring back into the country, stripped of complete uniforms, that the Army has okayed field jackets for everybody including men from various theaters outside the country.

Now, unless you are about to don a civilian trench coat, you can face this October in the rain with convenient GI protection.

Effective 1 October 1945, according to the telegram, all personnel with army service rating scores equal to or above critical scores as follows will become automatically nonessential and eligible for release. Male enlisted men having 70 points, WAC enlisted women with 36 points; male officers except Medical Department officers all grades including warrant and flight officers with 75 points and WAC officers with 36 points will all become eligible for separation during the month of October.

A further reduction of points for the months of November was ordered in the same telegram. Critical scores for enlisted men will drop to

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Fire-Prevention Week Observed

The famed cow of the almost legendary O'Leary clan of Chicago will become a symbol for the observance of Fire Prevention Week which begins by presidential proclamation the week of 7 October.

Concerned over the tremendous annual loss caused by fire, President Truman in his proclamation urged "every citizen to assume a personal responsibility for detecting and eliminating fire hazards under his control and to take all possible precautions to safeguard both lives and property from the ravages of fire."

At McGuire, where fire drills are held daily as a routine precaution, no special activities in conjunction with the observance of the week have been scheduled. According to Major Walter B. Belitz, Jr., chief of the hospital's fire prevention branch, regular inspections on the post have rendered the installation free from any fire hazards except carelessness.

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Famous Chef's Cuisine, Plus New, Swanky Furnishings, Will Feature Officers' Club Party Slated for October 13

A feast for kings—a banquet such as no Army post has ever dreamed of—sliced Smithfield Ham braised with champagne, lobster newburg, sliced turkey and cranberry sauce. This is only a small sample of the menu for the Officers' Club party, Saturday evening, October 13th.

A nationally famous chef, Mr. G. F. Pangola, caterer for 20 years at Richmond's Hermitage Country Club, has been engaged to prepare and serve the most elaborate dinner party ever held at McGuire. Eight different hors d'oeuvres, including caviar, stuffed celery, lobster paste and deviled eggs have been selected by Mr. Pangola.

Oysters chilled in his own special cocktail sauce, assorted cheeses and

five salads—all this, climaxed with macaroon tarts and pate de foies gras, make this a meal for the epicure.

The evening—entirely free to all members and their guests—will begin with cocktails in the club at 6:30. Dinner, buffet style, will be served in the Officers' Mess from 7:30 to 9:00. Then, back to the club for dancing until...

Lt. John J. Berman, member of the entertainment committee, has announced that no expense will be spared to make the affair a success. Lt. Berman stressed, and this is important, attendance will be possible BY RESERVATION ONLY.

Invitations will be mailed to all Club members. Replies of acceptance must be phoned to Mrs. Herr-

mann, hostess and secretary, no later than Wednesday, Oct. 10th. Her extension is 245. Members may bring one guest.

In time for the party, the Officers' Club will sport its fancy, new \$4,000.00 worth of furnishings. The club interior has been completely re-decorated by Miller and Rhoads Inc. Plannings and designing of drapes and modern, sectional furniture were devised by the department store's interior decorator, Miss Scott. Six brightly-upholstered sofas and 12 lounge chairs and ultra-modern cocktail tables have been purchased.

"The works"—that is the best way to summarize McGuire's gayest social event since the hospital's inception.

Largest PT Building In Nation Is Opened At McGuire Hospital

**1,100 Daily Treatments Begun for Amputees;
Most Modern Therapies Are in Use**

The largest Physical Therapy department under one roof in the nation has just been opened at McGuire General Hospital, Richmond, Virginia, according to Col. P. E. Duggins, Commanding Officer. In operation for only one week, the new PT building is already caring for more than 350 patients daily, administering over 1,100 treatments for amputees and neuro-surgical cases.

GI's Bedside School House Gives Diploma

It's back to the little red schoolhouse—but with a difference—for the hospitalized veterans at McGuire General Hospital here.

Gone are the days of restless squirming behind initial-carved desks. Missing are the pleasant day-dreams of shuffling down a dusty back road to the "ole swimming hole." Spitballs, too, are strictly taboo.

Students at this school are studying for high school diplomas delayed through military or economic necessity induced by five years of the draft. To these soldiers the return to school is serious business.

Assisting the GI scholars are forty teachers from the Richmond public school system who volunteer five nights of their time each week to tutor the patients at the hospital.

Classes offered at the reconditioning study center range over a wide academic field. Several language courses, journalism, mathematics, accounting and bookkeeping, history and the sciences are a part of the curriculum from which the prospective pupil may elect the subjects needed to attain a diploma. No time limit is placed on the student patient for completion of the course.

A need for the study center was recognized several months ago when a number of patients inquired about educational courses to supplement the army correspondence school of the United States Armed Forces Institute. The soldiers expressed the desire for personalized instruction to aid them in their thirst for knowledge.

Major Craig W. Muckle, chief of the reconditioning service at the

1st Lt. G. A. Peters, chief of the physical therapy section, asserts that the finest equipment available has been installed in the specially constructed building which houses, in addition to treatment rooms, a uniquely designed gymnasium.

The gym is the wonder place of the hospital for soldiers who have lost arms or legs in combat.

Large vertical mirrors stand at each end of walkways lined with steel hand rails. Patients here learn painstaking process of walking on their new and unfamiliar artificial limbs. A whole series of steps, simulating every conceivable pedestrian obstacle, has been constructed. The gym is virtually a small city of steps and ramps where the patient learns, in effect, to board street cars, step down from curbs, stroll up inclines, and ascend ordinary house stairs.

The new PT building means sig-

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18-Mile "Sinker" Dunked in 7,400 Gallons of Coffee

Can you imagine a doughnut 18 miles in circumference—large enough to surround New York City's Borough of Manhattan? The PX at McGuire has sold enough "sinkers" during the past year to make a giant circular cruller just that big.

Between 9:30 and 11 a.m. each morning for 12 months the PX fountain has dispensed 120,000 doughnuts. Arranged in a vertical pile, that stack would reach two and a half miles into the sky. The only guy that could get that top doughnut for breakfast would be a B-29 pilot on a cruising mission.

How much coffee was sold, to dunk that 18-mile "sinker" in? Exactly 7,400 gallons, not including cream and sugar.

Do you know what it would cost you to treat your "sugar" to that doughnut and coffee for breakfast? A cool \$6,000, brother—and that ain't cream.

The PRO Office estimates there was enough hot air in all those freshly baked doughnuts to supply it with fuel for one week's propaganda—after all, its' "gas" never has been rationed.

[McGuire's volume-busting PX is headed by Capt. Max Dreyer, recently awarded a Certificate of Commendation by Maj. Gen. Philip Hayes. Mrs. Virginia Chaffin is manager of the Fountain Service, and her assistant is Mrs. June Naragon, who aided research for this story.]

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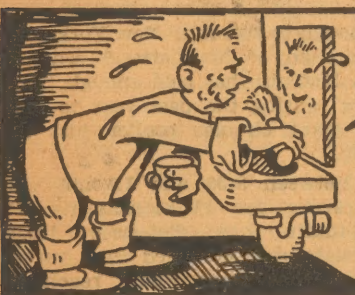
I MET YOU . . .

I met you in a world at war.
But the clash of men and arms
Was no less
Than our own conflict.
We waged a futile fight against ourselves,
At first.
I cannot remember when our dispute ended,
Or when your eyes softened
As they do now when we meet. . . .
Perhaps, the night you left me
In your city. Our fingers and soft words
Framed a warm conspiracy
To defeat the quiet pain of that first parting.

We wondered, later, what strange bond
Held us firm
Against the transient miles and transient hours.
We clung, despite the distance,
To some subtle strength between us
That evaded definition.
Not free to shape tomorrow's dreams together,
Or breathe the gleaming hopes
That would sustain us,
We shared what tenderness we could.

Often, now, I face your memory
And what lies beyond the fragile web
Of our peculiar circumstance
And console myself with this—
Because of you—
I stood a little while in the bright sun
And came closer than before to happiness,
And this may be all that I shall have, because . . .
I met you in a world at war.

Cpl. Charles W. Woods



G.I. SHAVINGS

BY

Pvt. Joe Q. McGuire


PARADOX: S-Sgt. Alice Andrews was, a year ago, just another G.I. in the Andrews family. Then she had a brother in the Navy and another one in the Army. Her Army brother was taken Prisoner of War. Subsequently, he was seriously wounded by an American hand grenade and, strangely enough, a German doctor saved his life.

Now Andy is the only G.I. in her family. Both her brothers are now safely in Civilian Life—and the WAC Staff Sergeant is still fighting the battle of the paper work—'course women always get the last of everything.

PERMANENT FIXTURE DEPT: If you have been in the Army more than one month, and (a-hem) you have, you know that enlisted personnel are paid, highest grades first and last, but not least, the P-V-T's. Well, the permanent fixture is the Private who always parks at the pay entrance before the pay line forms. There he is planted. Meanwhile the Master Sergeants, Techs, Staffs, Bucks and then the lusty Corporals rumble by. There he sits. Finally after everyone else leaves he reports in a military manner and gets \$41.27. He's our number one nomination for Mr. Bottleneck.

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The day Joe Louis got out of the



By Suzanne McLaurin Connell

It is interesting to observe the reading trends at our Hospital, and especially to think about the meaning which these trends have. One is inclined to be skeptical about surveys of reading interests among various groups because these surveys are based on generalizations and therefore cannot accurately reflect individual tastes; granting the truth of this statement, it is still true that groups are composed of individuals and that, if enough people are reading certain types of books, this fact will necessarily be revealed in a general survey of reading interests. So, after apologizing for the limitations of a survey of reading trends, we proceed to hold a survey and dare to make all kinds of generalizations about reading interests here at McGuire.

For instance, so many readers are interested in the subject "Architecture, Domestic" that it becomes obvious that many people are thinking of homes and are planning to build or buy a home at some future time. This is a very heartening and progressive sign and naturally interests any librarian as an expression of the thoughts in many readers' minds. If that many people are thinking seriously about house plans, building estimates and interior decoration, it certainly indicates both that the readers are forward-looking and intelligent and that the future of American architecture will be bright.


A close rival for books on home planning is the subject "Careers." So many readers are interested in preparing now for their future vocations that again the librarian must be struck with the thought of how intelligent the readers are and how bright the future looks. Law, medicine and education have their places in readers' minds along with new professions like electronics, plastics and television. "Starting your own business" is a magic slogan for many, and "Farming for fun and profit" is the watchword for others. And, of course, for still others the college catalog is the "Open Sesame," opening the doors to all careers and all plans for the future.

Readers are interested in books about marriage and the family. It is interesting to observe that people—young or old, married or unmarried—realize the importance of being informed on important subjects which affect their lives and are pausing in a busy life to read and think seriously about this vital subject.

Many people are reading about handicrafts and hobbies and the allied subject of sports and games. It is good to think that many readers are supplying themselves with avocations which will interest them and safeguard them from occupational fatigue in their vocations.

It is a challenge to the imagination of any librarian to realize that so many people are reading and thinking seriously about homes, careers, marriage and the family hobbies and sports; it is interesting to speculate about the reading interests behind the circulation of these books and the results which will come from so many people having read them. Even considering the limitations of a survey of reading interests, it is still of value to study reading trends at McGuire and to consider the facts which they reveal. It is certainly obvious that we have a well-informed and intelligent reading public and that a great many people are interested in certain definite subjects which closely affect the lives of everyone.

Claysville, Pa. (CNS)—Gaylord A. Buchanan of this town built a radio set from odds and ends while a prisoner of the Japs in Java, and hid it in a soldier's wooden leg. It enabled the prisoners to keep posted on the war's progress.



Chapel Schedule

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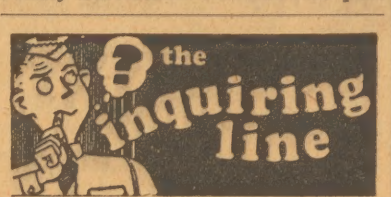
Sunday Service.....9:30 a.m. and, at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room, Bldg. 303.

CATHOLIC

Sunday Mass8:30, 11 a.m. Daily Mass.....5 p.m. Confessions Saturday, 6:30, 8 p.m. and Daily before Mass.

JEWISH

Friday Services.....7:00 p.m.



By Major R. A. Murphy

1. Is there a limit to the amount of compensation a veteran may receive while employed with the Federal Civil Service? E. H.

There is no limit for a veteran who is receiving a compensation because of the existence of a service-connected disability. However, if he is receiving benefits other than service connected the total amount of salary and other than service connected benefits cannot exceed \$3000. per year.

2. At the time of relief from active duty, may an officer apply for an appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps? Also may he be appointed in his present grade? T.G.


He may be appointed in the highest grade held on relief from active duty. WD Cir 194, 28 June 1945 outlines the procedure you must follow. Upon your completion of your terminal leave, you should apply to The Adjutant General for an appointment in the Officers' Reserve Corps.

3. To whom must a veteran apply for a preference in purchasing surplus property?

He should file an application for such property with the district office of the Smaller War Plants Corporation for the locality within which he maintains or intends to establish such enterprise.

4. Before entering the Army, I was granted a divorce from my former wife. We had one child but the court's decree did not call for alimony or support for the child. My ex-wife promptly married again—another soldier—and for the past 2 years has been drawing a dependency allotment from her present husband for both herself and my child. That's o.k. by me, but she also has been granted a Class F allotment for the child from me, for which they deduct \$22 a month from my pay. I don't think she should be collecting for the child from both me and her second husband. Is there any way I can cut off that allotment to her for my child?

No. You cannot stop the allotment to your child. The Office of Dependency Benefits says that your child is entitled to receive both allotments. Your child gets \$42 a month via your allotment, which is paid without regard to the court order because you are the child's father, plus \$30 a month from the step-father because the child is part of his household. (For further information see Maj. R. A. Murphy, AGF Liaison Officer, Army Counseling Center—formerly Ward 26—or call Ext. 259.)



POST THEATRE

Week of Friday, October 5. Show for patients at 6:15 p.m.; for duty personnel at 8:15 p.m.

FRIDAY—"Love, Honor, and Goodbye," with Virginia Bruce, Victor McLaglen.

SATURDAY—"Hollywood Canteen," with an all-star cast (revival).

SUNDAY AND MONDAY—"Mildred Pierce," with Joan Crawford, Jack Carson, Zachary Scott.

TUESDAY—Double Feature: "Crime Doctors Warning," with Warner Baxter, John Littel; "River Gang," with Gloria Jean, Keefe Brasselle.

WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY—"Love Letters," with Jennifer Jones, Joseph Cotten.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY—"Abbott & Costello in Hollywood."

McGUIRE

On the Air

OPEN HOUSE AT McGUIRE

Saturday 5:00-5:30 p.m. WRVA

HEAR Cpl. Frank Rowley discuss amputee driving program. Listen to Cpl. Taffy Adams sing with the McGuire band.

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MONKEYSHINES AT McGUIRE

Wednesday, 7:30-8:00 p.m. WRNL

HEAR and SEE this hilarious quiz show at the Red Cross. Fun begins at 7 p.m.

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CORPORAL EDDIE WEAVER

Thursday, 3:45-4:00 p.m. WRVA

HEAR organ melodies by Eddie Weaver. Featuring interviews with patients.

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OKAY AMERICA

Tues., Oct. 9, 9:30-10 p.m. WRVA

HEAR and SEE this entertaining Show starring patients and mc'd by Joe Brown, transcribed in Red Cross. Show begins at 7 p.m.

Bars and Stripes

To First Lieutenant

2nd Lt. Mary E. Focht

2nd Lt. Ruth T. McGrorey

To Sergeant

T-5 Connie Breeden

T-5 Frances Urbanowicz

T-5 Judith Yaeger

To Technician 4th Grade

T-5 Lois Belisle

T-5 Helen F. Beverly

T-5 Frances G. Brown.

T-5 Genevieve P. Glancy

T-5 Ann V. Hohl

T-5 Margaret B. Johnson

T-5 Veronica E. Kirby

T-5 Muriel M. Seaward

T-5 Bessie L. Simpson

T-5 Lella B. Stewart

T-5 Clara E. Sturtevant


To Privates First Class

Pvt. Michael Andrus

Pvt. Wilmer D. Caldwell

Pvt. Norman J. Palmer

INDIANAPOLIS (CNS)—The meanest woman in Indianapolis is the one recently fined by City Court for defrauding a newsboy out of 3 cents. She brought a paper, the newsboy testified, read it, complained that she didn't like the editorials and refused to pay for it.





Preparation for Prosthesis

In the Amputee Room of the spacious, new PT Building these MGH patients are beginning an important phase of their preparation for fitting and wearing of artificial limbs. The men, under the supervision of a trained physical therapist, are instructed to give each other corrective exercises for certain muscle flexions and deformities which may follow surgical operation. Classes of 25 perform this routine daily.

More About PT Building

nificant growth in the over-all therapy picture at McGuire. There are, for example, 16 individual whirlpool baths for hydrotherapy; 25 patients can be accommodated at one time in the exercise room where corrective exercises prepare amputated limbs for prosthesis; large electro-therapy rooms are equipped to administer radiant heat, diathermy, and ultra-violet treatments.

The personnel of the expanded PT department has been increased accordingly. There are two medical officers, 11 physical therapists, 14 enlisted personnel, including 11 Wacs. This represents an important contrast to the existing situation one year ago, when there were only two therapists in the PT Section.

"We are just beginning to hit our stride in the more thorough and more efficient treatment of many more patients," declared Lt. Peters. "The Army has made available to us the best possible equipment to speed the recovery of injured men."

Directing the PT Section with Lt. Peters are 2nd Lt. Thomas Sheehan, Assistant Chief of the department, and 2nd Lt. Elizabeth Emory, Chief Physical Therapist.



There are 16 of these whirlpool baths in the hydro-therapy section of the new PT department. The patients shown above are immersing injured limbs into warm, rapidly circulating water. The foamy whirlpool acts as a gentle massage to relax and heal injured limbs.



Here is shown a type of electro-therapy administered to amputee patients. Ultra-modern diathermy equipment is used to stimulate injured limbs and aid in the general preparation for fitting prostheses.

More About GI's School

hospital, and Capt. David W. Tieszen, chief of the educational reconditioning section, with Capt. Earl W. Cleaves, assistant chief, formulated a course of study for the patients which embodies all of the requisites for attaining the diplomas.

The military men then conferred with Mr. W. C. Locker, director of adult education in Richmond, who began to recruit a staff of teachers for the program. A ward at the hospital was converted into the study center and the school was under way. In addition to the academic studies, a vocational course was established to keep the mechanically inclined patients happy.

General educational development tests approved by the American Council on Education are given the students to classify their academic attainments. Courses are suggested on the same levels.

Upon successful completion of the course, the student is awarded a diploma, usually from the school he attended prior to his entrance into military service. Boards of education in most states recognize the value of these military study centers and have no hesitation in giving the proper accreditation.

Kraut Kids Haven't Changed Ideas Yet

Frankfurt (CNS)—A questionnaire submitted to a group of German children revealed that the Nazi imprint of racial theories and the worship of power remains. Fifteen to 25 per cent of the kids are thoroughgoing Nazis and the others are still poisoned by Goebbels' propaganda. More than two-thirds of the children could not identify Heine, the great German poet. Their idea of the greatest man of the world is Frederick the Great or Bismarck.

Maj. Murphy, AGF Counselor, Assigned Here

"This is the end of the line for all questions," says Major Raphael A. Murphy, newly assigned to the hospital's counseling center as AGF liaison officer.

"Any soldier who comes to us seeking the answer to such problems as soldiers' rights and privileges, insurance, allotments, pay, furlough or any of the many headaches confronting the GI, will find the solution here. There will be no buck passing in this office," continued the major.

Major Murphy assumes the job formerly occupied by Lt. Arthur Laibly who has amassed sufficient points to merit a discharge. In addition to his other duties, as Army language has it, the major will also write, "The Inquiring Line," a popular BANNER feature.

Prior to his arrival at McGuire, Major Murphy, an Infantry officer, attended the Personal Affairs course at Washington and Lee, in Lexington, Va. He has been on active duty since September 1940, and served for two years as a Battery executive officer with an anti-aircraft outfit in Newfoundland.

Delair, N. J. (CNS)—When Pfc. George McLaughlin, 22, USMCR, failed to write his fiancée, Lillian Langley, 20, North Carolina farm gal, she wondered what was cooking. She found out soon enough. He lost his sight at Saipan, and did not want to saddle the girl he loved with a guy who would be dependent upon her in many ways.

Said Lillian: "I was never in love with your eyes." They're to be married as soon as McLaughlin gets his discharge.

Bell Rings Bell on Jobs; Many Vet Opportunities

(CNS)—A \$2,000,000,000 expansion program which will provide 70,000 new jobs is ready to get under way in the operating subsidiaries of the American Telephone and Telegraph Co. It will start as soon as materials are available, according

to A T & T's Bell Telephone magazine.

The program provides a special opportunity for Signal Corps and Air Corps veterans with experience in the repair and maintenance of communications equipment, for most of the new positions are of a mechanical nature.

A considerable proportion of these jobs will be in the Western Electric Co., the AT&T subsidiary which manufactures nearly all telephone and telegraph equipment used by the Bell System. The major factories of Western Electric are situated in Kearney, N.J., near Newark; Hawthorne, Ill., near Chicago; and Point Breeze, Md., near Baltimore.

Many Jobs Available

Many other men will be required in the 20-odd operating companies which actually provide telephone service, for here is a capsule of war-detained telephone projects and of the development, extension, and improvement of existing services, according to the Bell magazine.

The first aim of the AT&T will be to provide telephone service to some 2,000,000 applicants who have been unable to receive it during the war. Also, 400,000 extensions which have been requested. Requests for service have been coming in at the rate of 75,000 a month. Not all these requests will stand, for one reason or another, but plenty will remain.

Dial service will be installed more widely, and new long distance lines erected. Desk-stand instruments will be replaced by "combined sets," sometimes called hand phones. Dial operated private exchange boards will supplant manually operated "PBXs," and the program of extending rural service, interrupted by the war, will be continued.

Methods of dialing toll calls by operators, and in some cases, by subscribers, have been worked out. The equipment for this must be manufactured and installed.

Phones in Autos

And there's a plan for putting telephone service in trucks, buses, and autos, so that the manager of a taxi fleet can dispatch a cab on the road to pick up someone, or you can tell the wife you'll be late for dinner. More manufacture of equipment; more installations; more jobs.

Although most of the opportunities in the industry are in the Bell companies, including the Bell Laboratories, where research work is done, there is likely to be some expansion in the independent companies. Many of the smaller outfits, which as a rule cover but one community, will create jobs by modernization and extension of services, although in many cases the size of the area in which the company operates limits its expansion. Some of the independents need new and improved equipment, which perhaps should create jobs for ex-service-men.

More About Point Values

60 and for enlisted WAC to 34 points on the first of that month.

All the point values mentioned are those as of 2 September computation.

No reduction in age limit or consideration for length of service was mentioned in the message received here.

In a directive from the 3rd Service Command accompanying the telegram it was stated that all eligible personnel will be separated without delay. All such personnel, the directive continued, would be discharged or cleared to a separating point or center within 25 days after the effective date of the new critical scores.

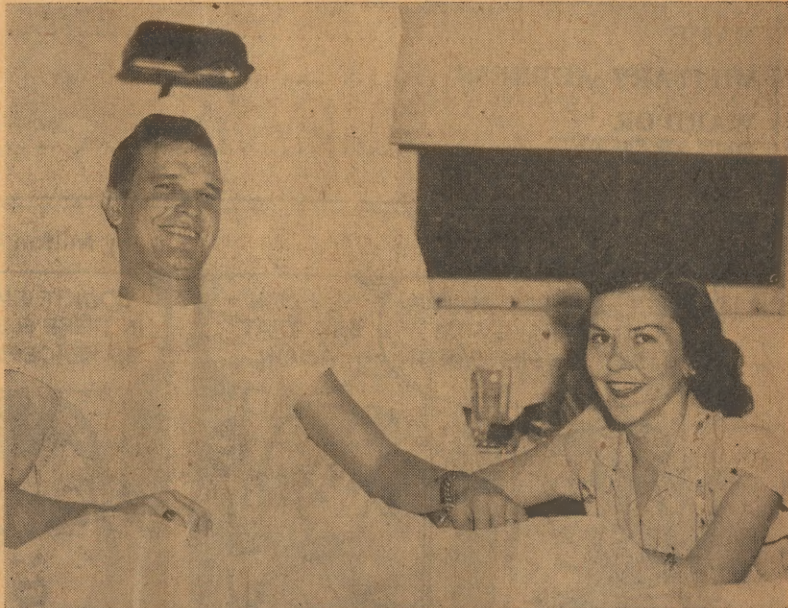
Here at McGuire, five enlisted men are eligible for discharge under the 70 points basis, according to figures released by military personnel. No count has been made available of those qualifying for release under the 60 points required next month.

All enlisted duty personnel, including WAC, who became eligible for separation having point scores of 80 or more, or those falling into the overage brackets, have been discharged upon their request. A few eligibles have remained on duty voluntarily due to pressure of work or lack of replacements. These eligibles can be retained only for 90 days and must then be sent to a point or center for discharge. 22 such eligibles are being held at the present time.

65 nurses, physical therapists and dieticians are entitled to release on the basis of points, age or the proviso permitting release because of marriage. Statistics furnished the BANNER by military personnel indicate that of the 16 eligibles warranting release for marriage, all are second lieutenants.

McGuire, working on the largest patient load since the opening of the hospital, is compelled to retain until 15 December approximately 15 doctors who are eligible for discharge. Unless replacements are provided for these medics sooner than the specified date, they can be held no later than the date mentioned.

At the separation point recently established on the post an average of fifty men are cleared daily to return to civilian life.



WINGED TARHEEL—Capt. John H. Hughes, Jr., of Henderson, N. C., currently a patient here, is believed to be the "hottest" pilot ever to be grounded at this hospital. Of the 150 pilot-patients in the history of the installation, Captain Hughes, shown here with his wife, has logged over 2,000 flying hours in the army, of which more than 700 were actual combat time in the CBI.



College Big Guns Primed; 4-F's Face Last Season

By SGT. DAVE FIDLER

Having completed their warm-up games, the nation's college football teams have settled down to the serious business of meeting the heavy-weights among their opponents on the schedule.

For the colleges this will be the last season in which their line-ups will be composed of 4-F's, raw youngsters or the broken down misfits that have studded the gridiron these past

few years. Throughout the war only those schools that participated in one of the service training programs had teams that resembled those put on the fields in what is referred to as the "good old days."

As the Brooklyn Dodger fans put it, "Just wait till next year."

While we wait, let's look at the games coming up tomorrow. There's Navy against Duke at Durham, N. C. The middies should find the Tarheel eleven no set-up in a game that looks like a close one to this guesser. We'll pick Navy by one touchdown over the Blue Devils.

It should be Army's day all the way down the field when the Wake Forest team from North Carolina leaves its sanctuary to make the trip to West Point. The cadets pack too much punch for the woodsmen.

Strictly for laughs is the meeting between Brooklyn College and C.C.N.Y. at the Lewisohn stadium on Morningside Heights. The boys from across the river will play their own tune at the stadium and it won't be "Lavender."

Ohio State's big guns are trained on Iowa with the Buckeyes tabbed a heavy favorite. That's good enough for us. No danger of getting out on the limb in selecting the State men. Columbia seems a cinch to singe

Syracuse while the Michigan-North-western contest may be closer than the experts figure. From here it looks like Michigan.

Down at Athens, Ga., the Fighting Irish of Notre Dame pay a visit to the crackers at Georgia Tech. Last year the Georgia boys lost their only game of the season to the Irish. There's a good chance of the tables being turned Saturday. One weak vote for Georgia and we'll probably hate ourselves in the morning.

Nebraska should take Minnesota while in the battle slated between Wisconsin and Purdue, we'll take a piece of Purdue. Indiana should shade Illinois. "Old Eli" Harvard, as Archie puts it, will take Tufts without any difficulty. Princeton's Tiger's will be tamed by Lafayette.

In the far west, California faces Washington while Washington State vies with Oregon. From this distance both Washington teams look good to us.

An important game broadcast locally will be the big game between Notre Dame and Georgia Tech, easily the best bet of the day. The time is 2:00 p.m. over WMBG on the dial at 1380. As usual, scores on all the games will be given at intermittent intervals.



CERTIFICATES AWARDED—Water safety and life saving courses were completed recently in McGuire's new swimming pool by three cadet nurses and three enlisted men, the first to qualify as Red Cross Senior Life Guards here. A formal presentation of the certificates of achievement was made last week by two members of the American Red Cross. Mrs. Marjorie Hudson, aquatic director of the Red Cross (left) is shown with (from l. to r.) Virginia MacFerran, Pfc. Ludy Minnig, Caroline Crouse, T-5 Robert Stiner, Jane Sprankle and Pfc. Ralph Phillips. On the right, Mrs. Ralph Prevost is awarding the prized papers.

Win War Bonds In New Contest

If this page were wired for sound, right now you'd be hearing the breathless voice of someone like Ted Husing or Clem McCarthy shouting, "Attention, all football fans!"

And believe me, all you McGuire-ites, this is worth lending an ear to.

Beginning with this issue of the BANNER we will give away a war bond each week to the reader who can predict the winners of each Saturday's big football games.

Fifteen games will be selected by the sports editor. The games will be listed on a ballot which will leave room for the scores to be filled in by the reader. There is no limit on the number of entries an individual may choose to make. The contestant coming closest to the actual scores of the games played will be awarded a \$10.00 war bond. Does that sound easy enough? You bet it is!

The other rules are just as simple. All entries must be in by Thursday noon of the week before the game being played on Saturday. Entries may be mailed or brought in person to the Public Relations office at the hospital. Place entries in a sealed envelope marked "Attention of Sports Editor; McGuire Banner; Public Relations Office, McGuire General Hospital; Richmond, Va."

The winner will be announced in the BANNER one week after the games are played. For example, today's ballot lists the game to be played Saturday, October 13, 1945. Your entries must be in no later than noon of Thursday October 11, 1945. The winner's name will appear in the issue of the BANNER datemarked October 19, 1945.

All military personnel, enlisted or

Tennis Tournament Starts; Horsley, Dring, Favorites

A doubles tennis tournament in which four high-calibre teams will participate will get under way Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock on the tennis courts near the post gymnasium.

In the first match, patient Pfc. Gordon G. Robertson will be paired with Mr. Roland Troxler in competition against the tourney favorites, Col. Guy Horsley and his partner, Capt. Thomas Dring. Col. Horsley, chief of surgical service here, recently copped the station's singles crown and is hoping for a clean sweep.

The combine of Cpl. Charles

Coggins and Cpl. John Sheppard will face WOJG Robert Conway and patient Lt. Phillips Weeks in the second day's play on Tuesday afternoon—same time, same place. Mr. Conway was runner-up in the singles tourney.

Loss of a match by a team will remove the players from the tournament. Matches consist of three sets, with the best two out of three winning the match.

Finals will be played Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The tournament is being sponsored by the Special Services division under the direction of Lt. John J. Berman.

No Soft Touch Is Touch Football; Players Urged to Join New League

Touch football, a speedier variation of the more conventional game, will get under way soon at McGuire, according to the athletic section of the special services division.

Played by eight men instead of the customary eleven, the game is less of a bone-breaker than its older brother.

Two teams, both drawn from members of the detachment, have already been practicing in preparation for league play. It is hoped that teams may be formed to represent patients, civilian personnel and officers at this installation.

Teams interested in participating

commissioned, male or female; civilian employees of the hospital, male or female are eligible to compete for the weekly prize. Civilians or military personnel not connected with the post are ineligible.

Remember the rules and good luck to you all!

in league play are urged to submit rosters of their squads to Cpl. Al Bianco of the special services office. Unlimited substitutes may be included on the teams. Captains and co-captains must be designated on the roster. A copy of the rules of the game will be made available to each team captain by Cpl. Bianco.

A football field is located in the center of the four baseball diamonds on the post athletic field. Individuals desiring more dope on the subject are requested to call the special services office at extension 224.

CONTEST ENTRY BLANK

Saturday, 13 October 1945

Alabama	.....	South Carolina	.....
Army	.....	Michigan	.....
Baylor	.....	Arkansas	.....
Colgate	.....	Lafayette	.....
Columbia	.....	Yale	.....
Cornell	.....	Princeton	.....
Dartmouth	.....	Notre Dame	.....
Duke	.....	Wake Forest	.....
Iowa	.....	Purdue	.....
Indiana	.....	Nebraska	.....
Navy	Penn State
Ohio State	Wisconsin
Penn	North Carolina
Tulane	Rice
UCLA	California

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MILITARY ADDRESS
WARD OR DEPARTMENT

Male Call



by Milton Caniff, creator of "Terry and the Pirates"



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